Madras Medical and Engineering College—Government contribution to.

34. **Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount they contribute annually for reserving seats for Cochin State students;

(a) in the Madras Medical College;

(b) in the Madras Engineering College?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—The contribution is made according to the following rates:—

(a) Rs. 500 per student for the Pre-Registration course and Rs. 1,000 per student per annum for the M. B. and B. S. course in the Madras Medical College.

(b) Rs. 800 per student per annum for the B. E. course in the Madras Engineering College.

(Two seats are reserved for our students in each of the two Colleges every year).

Vacant posts—Education Department.

35. **Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts fallen vacant in the grade 125—200 in the Education Department;

(b) how long they had been fallen vacant;

(c) the number of hands in the grade 90—110 drawing the maximum;

(d) why the hands mentioned in (c) are not placed in the vacancies mentioned in (a)?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(a) There are no vacant posts in the grade 125—200 which have not been filled up by promotion from the lower grade.

(d) Does not arise.

(c) 26 persons besides those promoted to 125—200 grade.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to (a).

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—With regard to (c) when were these promotions made?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—I do not know the exact dates

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on which each of these promotions were made. But I may assure the House that no vacancy is kept unfilled unless it be for the reason of the proper man being on leave or for any such contingency.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Are all these hands confirmed?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.— All these are not confirmed, because some are officiating in acting vacancies.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Cannot they be confirmed if they are acting in permanent vacancies?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—In the case of a permanent vacancy which is filled by promotion it is usual in the interests both of the officer and the department to keep him on probation at least for six months.

Graduates in aided Primary Schools—Appointment in Government Schools.

36. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty. — Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of graduates working in the aided Primary Schools in the State,—

(b) whether they can be given appointments in Government schools when vacancies arise?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(a) 4.

They have to take their chance along with others seeking Government appointments.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Won't this be a preference?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Any experience in the teaching line will be considered as a preference, but this is a question to be considered that by the time he applies for a vacancy, he must not become age-barred.

Holidays for the State Museum.

37. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of holidays for Museum in Trichur in a year;

(b) why it is closed on public holidays;

(c) whether any complaints have been received as yet for closing it on public holidays;

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